



California Mental Health Planning Council

Date of Conference Call: May, 11, 2005

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

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Conference Call Agenda

11:00 a.m.	Welcome and Purpose of Call Edward Walker, LCSW, Chairperson
11:05 a.m.	Review conference call process Ann Arneill-Py, PhD, Executive Officer
11:08 a.m.	Action Item: Proposal from the California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) to fund social worker education through the Mental Health Services Act Susan Mandel, PhD, Chair, Human Resources Committee, & Brian Keefer, Associate II, Human Resources Project
11:20 a.m.	Questions from Planning Council Members and Answers Edward Walker, LCSW, Chairperson
11:30 a.m.	Questions from the Public and Answers Edward Walker, LCSW, Chairperson
11:50 a.m.	Roll call vote on proposal to fund social worker education
12:00 a.m.	Adjourn



Human Resources Crisis

- UCSF Center for the Health Professions 2003 Report
 - CA will need 10,000 to 20,000 mental health professionals
- CMHPC vacancy rate study documented 20-25 percent vacancy rates
 - Psychiatrists, Psychologists, LCSWs, Psychiatric Mental Nurse Practitioners, and Psychiatric Technicians



Human Resources Crisis

- A lack of cultural and linguistic diversity among the current mental health workforce
- Mental health system needs licensed mental health professionals to provide Medi-Cal reimbursable services



Mental Health Services Act

- Allocates \$300 Million in funds for education and training
- The Act includes a provision to establish loan repayment, scholarship, and stipend programs
- MHSA provides a unique opportunity to establish a stipend program similar to the child welfare services stipend program currently administered by California Social Work Education Center



California Social Work Education Center: Background

- For 14 years the California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) has administered funding for training social workers for child welfare services
- Annual budget \$24 Million
- Supports 859 students in 17 universities
- Student stipends \$18,500 annually



CalSWEC: Background

- CalSWEC Stipend students have an 80% retention rate beyond a two year commitment in public service
- 14 year commitment to diversity
 - 32% Hispanic
 - 15% African American
 - 10% Asian
 - 39% Caucasian
- 293 graduates surveyed–153 speak or write in a language other than English



CalSWEC: Proposal

- A \$10 Million proposal that will make available at least 222 students by 2006
- Students will be obligated to work for at least one year in the public mental health system
- The infrastructure for a mental health loan repayment program will be established



CalSWEC: Proposal

- The program costs are roughly \$45,000 per social work student. This is less expensive than other professional programs due to the infrastructure already being in place.
- Similar start-up costs for a statewide program for other professions could be:
 - \$ 95,139 per Psychiatric Technician
 - \$ 85,000 per Psychiatrists–Specialty residency program only



Questions and Answers

- Questions from Planning Council Members
- Questions from the public



Action Item:

- A roll call vote on the proposal from the California Social Work Education Center to fund social worker education through the Mental Health Services Act